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REMARKS

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action of September 19, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-captioned patent application in view of the following election and remarks:

In the above-noted Office Action, the Examiner found the application contained two distinct inventions: Group I (claims 1-12, 17-65 and 67-80) and Group II (claims 13-16 and 66). Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-12, 17-65, and 67-80) for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse. Claims 13-16 and 66 designated by the Examiner as Group II are now cancelled from the Application. Claims 1-12, 17-65 and 67-80 remain in the their as-filed form.

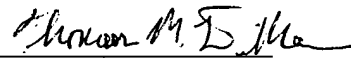
In response to the election of species requirement for Group I, Applicant elects Species I (the embodiment of Figures 2a-2d) for prosecution on the merits. This election is made without traverse. Claims 1-12, 17-63, 67-72, 77-80 appear to be readable upon Species I.

Applicants believe that inventorship remains the same as in the as-filed case.

In addition, please provide any extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 10-0750, but do not include any payment of issue fees.

Should there be any remaining or further questions, the Examiner is requested to place contact the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,



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